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Ms. Daphne Pee, Co-Chair  
Ms. Carol Henry, Co-chair  
Water Quality Advisory Group  
255 Rockville Pike, Suite 120  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Ms. Pee and Ms. Henry:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the support of the Water Quality Advisory Group for Montgomery County's involvement in the its first National Take Back Initiative sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). This was a successful effort to provide residents with the opportunity to safely and securely dispose of unwanted and/or expired pharmaceuticals. We hope that federal resources are allocated in the future to support this type of effort again for the benefit and convenience of our citizens.

Your letter accurately reflects the complexity associated with the presence of pharmaceuticals in our water resources. Montgomery County has been working with both the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) to support research at a national level to collect more information on the presence, source and impacts of pharmaceuticals and other endocrine disrupters in our water resources. A thorough understanding of these issues is important in order for us to identify the actions necessary to protect our water resources for their many vital uses.

Thank you for your interest in this area and the support you provide to Montgomery County in addressing water quality needs in our community.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett  
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